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SUBJECT: "CONSULAR PACKAGE

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FOLLOWING IS BUDAPEST'S "CONSULAR PACKAGE" REPORTING ACTUAL
FY-75 WORKLOAD AND ESTIMATES FOR FY-1976, 1977, AND 1978.

SCHEDULE I - IMMIGRANT VISAS
BUREAU: EUR
COUNTRY AND POST. HUNGARY-BUDAPEST

	FY-75 ACT	FY-76 EST	FY-77 EST	FY-78 EST
IV'S ISSUED	130	140	150	160
IV'S REFUSED	1	1	1	2
TOTAL IV CASES	131	141	151	162
AMERICAN M				
AHOURS:				
FULL TIME PERMANENT	201	400	410	420
TEMP. DETAIL	-	-	-	-
PIT	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	201	400	410	420
FSLE MANHOURS:				
FULL TIME PERMANENT	1806	1864	1890	1930

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TEMP. DETAIL	5	8	11	14

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PIT - - - -
SUBTOTAL 1811 1872 1901 1944
TOTAL IV MANHOURS 2012 2272 2311 2364
PERCENT IV CASES REQUIRING:
INTERPRETER (SEE NOTE) 100 100 100 75
PARAKEET/BOULDER - - - - -
THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 2 2 2 2

NOTE: THE CONSULAR OFFICER HANDLING IV'S DOES NOT SPEAK HUNGARIAN. HE IS DUE FOR TRANSFER IN MID-1978; THE LOWER PERCENTAGE FIGURE FOR FY-78 ASSUMES HIS SUCCESSOR AT THE END OF FY-78 WILL SPEAK HUNGARIAN. SEE SCHEDULE V COMMENTS.

SCHEDULE II - NONIMMIGRANT VISAS
BUREAU: EUR
COUNTRY AND POST: HUNGARY, BUDAPEST

	FY-75 ACT	FY-76 EST	FY-77 EST	FY-78 EST
NIV'S ISSUED	6609	7000	7500	8000
NIV'S REFUSED	1046	1100	1250	1400
TOTAL NIV CASES	7655	8100	8750	9400
AMERICAN MANHOURS:				
FULL TIME PERMANENT	1214	1220	1240	1275
TEMP. DETAIL	-	-	-	-
PIT	288	210	250	250
SUBTOTAL	1502	1430	1490	1525
FSLE MANHOURS:				
FULL TIME PERMANENT	5014	5330	5400	5600
TEMP. DETAIL	269	270	280	300
PIT	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	5283	5600	5680	5900
TOTAL NIV MANHOURS	6785	7030	7170	7425
NIV FEES COLLECTED	$35,557.25	37,335	39,201	41,161

BORDER C. CARDS FY-75 - 0
CREW LIST VISAS FY-75 - 0
NAMES ON CREW LISTS VISAS - 0
PERCENT NIV CASES REQUIRING:
INTERVIEWS (SEE NOTE) 80 80 75 75
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PARAKEET/BOULDER
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THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 5 5 5 5
NOTE: 80 PERCENT OF ALL APPLICANTS COME IN PRSON AND ARE FSLE COUNTER-INTERVIEWED. OFFICERS INTERVIEW ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF ALL IN-PERSON APPLICANTS.

SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSUL SERVICES

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BUREAU: EUR
CHOUNTRY AND POST - HUNGARY, BUDAPEST

	FY-75 ACT	FY-76 EST	FY-77 EST	FY-78 EST
AMCIT DEATHS	49	70	75	80
ESTATE/PROPERTY CLAIMS	110	150	200	100
NOTARIALS	648	700	725	750
WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS	148	150	170	190O
ARRESTS	2	2	3	3
SEAMEN & SHIPPING	-	-	-	-
OTHER AGENCY SERVICES (SEE NOTE BELOW)	1961	2000	2050	2100
TOTAL SCS CASES	2918	3072	3223	3223
AMERICAN MANHOURS:				
FULL TIME PERMANENT	1330	700	750	800
TEMP. DETAIL	-	-	-	-
PIT	16	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	1346	700	750	800
FSLE MANHOURS:				
FULL TIME PERMANENT	4314	4529	4700	4800
TEMP. DETAIL	57	46	50	50
PIT	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	4371	4575	4750	4850
TOTAL SCS MANHOURS	5717	5275	5500	5650

TREASURY CHECKS FY-75: 3853
NOTE: BREAKDOWN OF "OTHER AGENCY SERVICES" FOR FY-75:
SSA: 1572, OTHER FBU: 153, INS: 110, IRS: 50, OTHER: 75.

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SCHEDULE IV - CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES
BUREAU: EUR
COUNTRY AND POST - HUNGARY, BUDAPEST

	FY-75 ACT	FY-76 EST	FY-77 EST	FY-78 EST
PPT APPLNS EXECUTED	88	90	95	100
PPT APPLNS EXAMINED	-	-	-	-
FEE PPTS. ISSUED	85	87	92	97
NO-FEE PPTS. ISSUED	1	1	2	2
PPTS. AMENDED/EXTENDED	30	32	34	36
NEW REG'N APPLNS. (SEE NOTE BELOW)	40	50	60	70
REPORTS OF BIRTH	4	7	9	11
WITNES TO MARRIAGE	-	-	-	-
WAIVER OF PPTS.	2	3	3	4
SUBTOTAL PPT. CASES	250	270	295	320
IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED	25	25	28	31
TOTAL PPT. CASES	275	295	323	351
AMERICAN MANHOURS:				
FULL TIME PERMANENT	245	367	370	375
TEMP. DETAIL	-	-	-	-
PIT	2	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	247	367	370	375
FSLE MANHOURS:				
FULL TIME PERMANENT	1535	1598	1600	1600

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TEMP. DETAIL	45	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	1580	1598	1600	1600
TOTAL PPT. MANHOURS	1827	1965	1970	1975

AMERICANS REGISTER: 3/31/76: 943
AMERICAN CITIZENS RESIDENT:
OFFICIAL - 72 (31 PLUS 41 FAMILY MEMBERS)
NON-OFFICIAL - 1260
NOTE: "NEW REGISTRATIONS" FIGURE APPLIES TO CITIZENS WHO, INTENDING TO RESIDE INDEFINITELY OR PERMANENTLY IN HUNGARY, APPLY FOR FORMAL REGISTRATION. IN ADDITION NEW, INFORMAL, TEMPORARY "TOURIST" REGISTRATIONS NUMBER ABOUT 1000 ANNUALLY.

SCHEDULE V - CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS
BUREAU: EUR
COUNTRY AND POST: HUNGARY, BUDAPEST
FY-75 OVERTIME HOURS GAINED:
AMERICAN PAID - CA. 75 HOURS (DUTY OFFICER OVERTIME)
AMERICAN UNPAID - CA. 100 HOURS (THIS WAS AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF WEEKEND IN-

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OFFICE TIME TO OVERHAUL CONSULAR CLASSIFIED FILES.
COMPLETING THIS PROJECT TOOK ABOUT ANOTHER 100 HOURS
IN FY-76.)
FSLE - NIL
FY-75 HOURS LOST:
AMERICANS - NIL
FSLE - 1312 (MATERNITY LEAVEL)
COMMENTS:
BUDAPEST EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE ITS FORECAST
CONSULAR WORKLOAD OVER THE NEXT TWO-THREE YEARS WITH NO
INCREASE IN PRESENT PERMANENT STAFF, BUT WITH SUPPLEMENTAL
PIT AND TEMPORARY HELP AT ABOUT PRESENT LEVELS.
CAVEAT: CONSULAR OFFICER HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE CAPABILITY
(SEE BELOW).
THE MOST NOTABLE CHANGE IN THIS PACKAGE FROM PREVIOUS
ONES IS WIDE VARIATION BETWEEN AMERICAN PERMANENT
(CONSULAR OFFICER) MANHOURS REPORTED FOR ACTUAL
FY-75 IN THE AREAS OF IV, SCS/FBU, AND PPT/CIT, AND
THOSE FORECAST FOR FY-76 AND BEYOND. EMBASSY'S CON-
SIDERED CONCLUSION, BASED ON CONSULAR SECTION CHI
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CAREFUL OBSERVATIONS SINCE HIS ARRIVAL LAST SUMMER, IS
THAT FY-75 AND PREVIOUS PERMANENT AMERICAN MANHOUR
STATISTICS AND ACCOUNTINGS WERE OVERSTATED IN SCS AND
UNDERSTATED IN IV AND PPT/CIT. THE PRESENT EMPIRICALLY-
OBSERVED PERCENTAGE DIVISION IS
APPROXIMATELY: IV - 17 PERCENT, NIV - 45 PERCENT, SCS - 24
PERCENT, PPT/CIT - 14 PERCENT. THIS APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE
DIVISION IS RE-FLECTED IN THE ESTIMATES FOR FY-76 AND LATER.
ESTIMATED FY-76 PERMANENT AMERICAN (OFFICER) MAN-
HOURS TOTAL 2687, DOWN FROM FY-75'S REPORTED ACTUAL
TOTAL OF 2990. THIS REDUCTION
TAKES INTO ACCOUNT ANTIC-
IPATED LEAVES AND NON-CONSULAR TIME SPENT IN STAFF
MEETINGS, LANGUGAGE TRAINING, AND OTHERFUNCTIONS. THE
REDUCTION ALSO REFLECTS THAT FACT AHT OTHER DUTIES
(PUBLICATIONS PROCUREMENT) PERMIT THE JUIOR OF THE
POST'S TWO CONSULAR OFFICERS TO SPEND ONLY ABOUT 65 PERCENT
OF HIS TIME IN CONSULAR FUNCTIONS.

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AN INTERPRETER IS NOW REQUIRED IN VIRTUALLY ALL
IV CASES AND 15 PERCENT NIV CASES (VICE 2 PERCENT OF ALL CASES
PREVIOUSLY) SINCE THE CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF DOES NOT
SPEAK HUNGARIAN. SUBTRACTING AN FSLE FROM OTHER DUTIES
IN ORDER TO INTERPRET VERY FREQUENTLY PLACES AN EXTREME
BURDEN ON REMAINING EMPLOYEES, ESPECIALLY IF ONE OR TWO
OTHER PERSONS ARE OUT ON LEAVE OR SICK AND THE IN-
PERSON PUBLIC IS HEAVY. THEREFORE, AS A PRACTICAL
MATTER THE JUNIOR HUNGARIAN-SPEAKING CONOFF MUST MOST
OF THE TIME DEAL SIGNLEHANDEDLY WITH THE ENTIRE
HUNGARIAN IN-PERSON NIV PUBLIC. THIS VERY HEAVY
BURDEN TAXES THE OFFICER, DEPRIVES HIM OF THE OPPORTUNITY
TO IMPROVE PROFICIENCY IN OTHER CONSULAR AREAS,
AND FOR A LESS-DISCIPLINED INDIVIDUAL THAN THE INCUMBENT
COULD MEAN A MORALE PROBLEM.
BUDAPEST'S OPTIMISM ABOUT BEING ABLE TO HANDLE
ANTICIPATED WORKOAD WITH PRESENT RESOURCES ASSUMES
THAT ALL RPT ALL FUTURE ASSIGNED HERE WILL
RECEIVE PRIOR HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING. BACKUP
CAPABILITY IN GERMAN IS NOT RPT NOT A WORKABLE SUBSTI-
TUTEBGN NEITHER WITH THE CSSA PUBLIC NOR FOR CONSULAR
DEALINGS WITH USEFUL WORKING-LEVEL CONTACTS.
ACTUAL FY-76 NIV WORKLOAD WAS DOWN 10 PERCENT FROM THE
ESTIMATE IN LAST YEAR'S PACKAGE. WE ATTRIBUTE THE
DECLINE TO ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN THE U.S. WHICH
PREVENTED WOULD-BE SPONSORS FROM FINANCING RELATIVES'
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TRIPS THERE. SUCH FINANCING IS NECESSARY SINCE
HUNGARIANS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO SUFFICIENT FOREIGN
EXCHANGE TO PAY FOR TRAVEL BEYOND NEARBY COUNTRIES IN

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WESTERN EUROPE. WITH THE U.S. ECONOMY NOW IMPROVING,
AND WITH ANTICIPATED CONTINUANCE OF HUNGARY'S FAIRLY
LIBERAL POLICY ON GRANTING VISIT EXIT PERMISSIONS, WE
EXPECT A REBOUND IN NIV WORKLOAD.
THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT THE FY-75 AND FY-76
TOTAL NIV MANHOURS VERSUS NIV CASE WORKLOAD FIGUES
WORK OUT TO CA. 50 MAN-MINUTES PER WORKLOAD ITEM. THIS
CONTRASTS WITH, TYPICALLY, A CA. 9-MINUTE FIGURE INA
BUSY HIGH-VOLUME-LOW-FRAUD WESTERN EUROPEAN POST. THE
BUDAPEST MAN-MINUTE FIGURE ACCURATELY DRAMATIZES THE
BURDENSOME PAPERWORK COMPLEXITY OF VISA WORK IN EASTERN
EUROPE. THE MANDATORY PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO SUCH
CASES AS SPLEX, BUSVIS, (28) WAIVERS, AND THE VISA
TELEGRAM ANIMAL MENAGERIE ARE TIME-CONSUMING IN THE
EXTREME. THE DEPARTMENT MUST, THEREFORE, BE DULY
CAUTIOUS ABOUT CONTRASTING BUDAPST'S NIV PRODUCTIVITY
AGAINST THAT OF POSTS WHERE SUCH PROCEDURES ARE
APPLICABLE ONLY IN A SMALL MINORITY OF CASES.
IMMIGRANT VISA WORK IN BUDAPEST ALSO HAS ITS
TIME-CONSUMING PECULIJDITIES: (A) 243(G) WAIVERS MUST
BE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED IN A MAJORITY OF CASES SINCE
INS FREQUENTLY OVERLOOKS ADDING A WAIVER EDNORSEMENT
AT THE TIME OF PETITION APPROVAL. EVEN WHEN BUDAPEST
APPROVES A PETITION, 243(G) WAIVERS MUST BE REQUESTED
SEPARATELY FROM INS VIENNA. (B) HUNGARIAN PROSPECTIVE
EMIGRANTS MUST OBTAIN A VISA GUARANTEE LETTER (PRE-
VISA) FROM THE EMBASSY BEFORE THEY CAN APPLY TO LOCAL
AUTHORITIES FOR EMIGRATION PASSPORTS. THIS MEANS
DOUBLE PROCESSING OF APPLICANTS: INTERVIEWS, AO'S,
ETC. PRIOR TO ISSUING THE PRE-VISA, AND FORMA
VISA PROCESSING AFTER EMIGRATION PERMISSION IS OBTAINED.
(C) THE EMBASSY'S CAREFUL PREPARATION OF "DIVIDED
FAMILY" CASES FOR REPRSENTATIONS TO THE HUNGARIAN
GOVERNMENT FOR EXIT PERMISSION ALSO OCCUPIES VERY MANY
IV MANHOURS. A SIMPLE RPT SIMPLE SUCH CASE WILL INVOLVE
AT LEAST 15 OFFICER AND 10 FSLE MANHOURS IN
THE DIVIDED FAMILY ASPECT ALONE, PLUS THE NORMAL
VISA PROCESSING ITSELF. THE DIVIDED FAMILY ASPECT
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EMBRACES SPECIAL INTERVIEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH
APPLICANTS AND SPONSORS, REPRESENTATIONS
BY CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF AT MFA, REPORTS TO THE
DEPARTMENT AND INTERESTED CONGRESSMEN, AND NECESSARY
FOLLOWUPS.
IN THE PPT/CIT FIELD, APPLICATIONS FOR FORMAL
REGISTRATIONS BY U.S. CITIZENS TAKING UP INDEFINITE
OR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN HUNGARY INVOLVE MANHOURS OUT
OF PROPORTION TO THEIR NUMBER. MOST SUCH PERSONS ARE
ELDERLY RETIREES SETTLING HERE WHO, DESPITE THEIR USC,

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ARE MUCH MORE AT HOME IN HUNGARIAN THAN IN ENGLISH.
HENCE FSLES MUST TRANSLWKE AND PREPARE APPLICATIONS THEM-
SELVES ON THE BASIS OF APPLICANT INTERVIEW AND DOCUMENT
REVIEW. THIS IS ESPECIALLY SO IN FIRST-TIME PASSPORT
APPLICATION CASES - SOME TEN PER YEAR - OF PERSONS
WHOSE POSSIBLE CLAIMS TO USC ARE DISCOVERED WHEN THEY
APPLY FOR NIVS. EVEN WHEN SUCH PERSONS ARE NOT INTER-
ESTED IN CLARIFYING THEIR USC, NECESSARY INTERVIEWS,
TRANSLATIONS, AND REPORTS TO PPT REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF
3-4 MANHOURS PER CASE. FULL LON QUESTIONNAIRE
PREPARATION AND OTHER DETAILS WHEN APPLICANTS DESIRE
TO PURSUE THEIR CLAIMS AT LEAST DOUBLE THE MANHOUR
FIGURE. ALSO SALIENT IN PPPT/CIT MANHOURS IS MUCH
NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WITH MFA IN CASES WT RE AUTHORITIES
HAVE WITHDRAWN PASSPORTS OF DUAL U.S. -
HUNGARIAN NATIONALS WHO TAKE UP PERMANENT RESIDENCE
HERE AND WHOSE U.S. PASSPORTS THE EMBASSY ENDEAVORS
TO RECOVER.

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IN SCS, CITIZEN PROPERTY CLAIMS COMPRISE A MAJOR
WORKLOAD ITEM IN TIME TERMS. THE EMBASSY EXPENDS
MUCH CORRESPONDENCE AND CONTACT EFFORT IN ATTEMPTING
TO OBTAIN HUNGARIAN PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION RE CONFIS-
CATIONS, ETC., FOR CITIZENS TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH
CLAIMS BEFORE THE U.S. FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT
COMMISSION. WE EXPECT A SPURT IN SUCH CASES AS THE
COMMISSION'S MAY 1977 DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION

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OF HUNGARIAN CLAIMS APPROACHES.
NOT COUNTED ELSEWHERE IN THE FY-75 STATISTICS ARE
PROCESSING OF 624 VISA CLEARANCE REQUESTS FROM OTHER
POSTS AND 576 INS G-325 CONDITIONAL-ENTRANT AND
ADJUSTMENT-OF-STATUS CLEARANCE REQUESTS.
ALSO NOT SPECIFICALLY COUNTED ARE CONSULAR
SECTION SERVICES TO TRANSIENT AND RESIDENT OFFICIAL
AMERICANS WITH REGARD TO THEIR HUNGARIAN VISAS AND
STAYING PERMITS, AND THIRD COUNTRY VISAS.
BURIED IN THE STATISTICS ARE 20 AMERICAN AND 25
FSLE CONSULAR MANHOURS EXPENDED IN THE DIRECT
PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT.

SCHEDULE VI - POSITIONS
BUREAU: EUR
COUNTRY AND POST: HUNGARY, BUDAPEST

	VISAS	SCS	PPT	GEN	TOTAL
AMERICANS:					
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AUTH'D 6/30/75			2		2
AUTH'D 3/31/76			2		2
FILLED 3/31/76			2		2
INCREASE/DECREASE:					
REQUIRED FY-77 NONE					
REQUIRED FY-78 NONE					
LOCALS:					
AUTH'D 6/30/75	4	2	1	1	8
AUTH'D 3/31/76	4	2	1	1	8
FILLED 3/31/76	4	2	1	1	8
INCREASE/DECREASE:					
REQUIRED FY-77 NONE					
REQUIRED FY-78 NONE					

CAVEAT: CONOFF HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY. SEE
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SCHEDULE VII - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.
BUREAU: EUR
COUNTRY AND POST: HUNGARY, BUDAPEST

A. FEDERAL BENEFITS ACTIVITY
NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED:
AMERICAN: 0
LOCAL: 0
HOURSWORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS ON WORK
OTHER THAN FEDERAL BENEFITS:
AMERICAN: NOT APPLICABLE
LOCAL: NOT APPLICABLE
HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NON-REIMBURSED) CONSULAR
EMPLOYEES ON FEDERAL BENEFITS:

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AMERICAN: 100/YR; LOCAL: 1200/YR
ESTIMATED INCREASE OVER FIVE YEARS AGO: 30 PERCENT
ESTIMATED INCREASE DURING NEXT 5 YEARS: 10 PERCENT

B. FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS:
OUTSIDE INVESTIGATIONS: NOT DONE
VISA APPLICATIONS, 4-TE OF INCREASE 5 PERCENT
PPT APPLICATIONS: RATE OF INCREASE 2-3 PERCENT
SERVICES DONE FOR INS: RATE OF INCREASE 2-3 PERCENT

C. MISSION INTEREST CASES. DOES POST HAVE A FORMAL
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REFERRAL SYSTEM? NO.
HOW ARE MISSION INTEREST CASES USUALLY HANDLED?
USUALLY AT COUNTRY TEAM STAFF MEETINGS, WHICH EMBASSY
BUDAPEST HOLDS SEVERAL TIMES WEEKLY; OTHERWISE BY
DISCUSSION BETWEEN CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF AND OTHER
INTERESTED COLLEAGUE. VISA REFERRAL MECHANICS AND
PROPRIETIES ARE NOT A PROBLEM AT THIS SMALL POST.
THERE EXISTS HERE A REVERSE-REFERRAL SYSTEM WHEREBY THE
CONSULAR SECTION ALERTS OTHER SECTIONS OF VISA
APPLICATIONS BY HUNGARIANS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO
THOSE SECTIONS. THIS IS DONE QUITE HANDILY BY PROVIDING
INTERESTED SECTIONS COPIES OF BUSVIS, SPLEX,
OR OTHER VISA CABLES. OTHER SECTIONS VERY MUCH
APPRECIATE THIS SERVICE SINCE, IN THE RELATIVELY
RESTRICTED HOST-COUNTRY ENVIRONMENT, THEY WOUL NOT
OTHERWISE READILY LEARN IN TIMELY FASHION OF U.S. TRAVEL
INTENT BY OFFICIALS AND GROUPS OF INTEREST TO THEM.

D. NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN JAIL AS OF 3/31/76: 0.
RATE OF INCREASE OR DECREASE: NIL. IN RECENT YEARS
BUDAPEST HAS HAD 1-3 ARREST CASES ANNUALLY.
(A) IS EMBASSY NOTIFIEDY IMMEDIATELY WHEN U.S. CITIZENS
ARRESTED? NO. U.S./HUNGARY CONSULAR CONVENTION
MANDATES NOTIFICATION/ACCESS IN FOUR DAYS FROM TIME OF
ARREST. HUNGARIAN MFA DOES NOTIFY EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY
AS SOON AS IT LEARNS OF AN ARREST, BUT SOMETIMES IT
ITSELF IS NOT NOTIFIED FOR SEVERAL DAYS. MINISTRY
CAN AND DOES ARRANGE ACCESS WITHIN 24 HOURS OF FIRST
NOTIFICATION. EMBASSY EMPHATICALLY INSISTS ON NOTIFICATION
AND ACCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT RECOGNIZES THAT
PRESENT ACCESS IN A FEW DAYS IS A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER
PRE-CONVENTION TIMES WHEN ARRESTED AMCITS MIGHT BE HELD
INCOMMUNICADO FROM SEVERAL WEEKS TO SEVERAL MONTHS.

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(B) DESCRIBE ANY PROTECTION PROBLEMS.
MAJOR PROTECTION PROBLEM IS THAT EVERYTHING MUST GO THROUH MFA, WHICH TAKES TIME. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO POLICE, PRISON OFFICIALS, OR OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES. MFA DOES TRY TO FACILITATE MATTERS BUT ATTITUDE OF OTHER AUTHORITIES (ESPECIALLY INTERIOR MINISTRY) IS TO COOPERATE NO MORE AND NO LESS THAN AS REQUIRED BY LIMITED TENETS OF CONSULAR CONVENTION AND INTERNATIONAL LAW. THERE DO NOT APPEAR TO BE PROBLEMS OF SEVERE SENTENCES, UNSCRUPULOUS LAWYERS, PHYSICAL ABUSE, OR DISCRIMINATORY JAIL TREATMENT. MOST RECENT USC PRISONER COMPLAINED OF DARK CELLS AND SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, BUT AFTER FITS OF NERVOUSNESS AND SLEEPLESSNESS, HE ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED TRANSFER TO AN ADEQUATE JAIL HOSPITAL. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AT ALL TIMES HIS JAIL TREATMENT WAS SIMILAR TO THAT ACCORDED HUNGARIAN PRISONERS.

(C) POST'S PROTECTION PROGRAM.
FIRST AND FOREMOST, INSISTENCE, AT POLITICAL LEVELS IF NECESSARY, ON PROMPT NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS. PROVISION OF LAWYER'S LIST AND ORDINARY CONSULAR ASSISTANCE IN COMMUNICATING WITH RELATIVES, OBTAINING FUNDS, ETC. MONTHLY JAIL VISIT AND PROVISION OF PACKAGES OF FOOD, CIGARETTES, AND READING MATERIAL. CONOFF ATTENDANCE AT TRIALS. MANHOURS UTILIZED IN OUR LAST
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ARREST CASE WHICH LASTED SIX MONTHS WERE CA. 8 HRS.
MONTHLY FOR AN AMERICAN OFFICER AND CA. 3 HRS.
MONTHLY FOR FSLE'S.
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Message Attributes

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Review Authority: CollinP0
Review Comment: n/a
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Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <18 JUN 2004 by wolfsd>; APPROVED <24 JAN 2005 by CollinP0>
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